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TWO BULLS

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Excommunications, Anathema's, and total Deprivation, &c.

The First,

By Pope *Paulus* the 3d, against *Henry* the 8th, King of ENGLAND, &c.

The Other,

By Pope *Pius* the fifth, against Queen *Elizabeth* of famous memory, &c.

Wherein these Popes have (so far as lies in their power) given away the Kingdoms of these Princes, Absolv'd their Natural Subjects from their Oaths of Allegiance; and cursed all their Adherents, stiling them Hereticks; And countenancing Murder and Rebellion with a promise of Absolution.

With a brief Account of a Disputation betwixt a *Protestant* and a *Popish Priest* in *London*, about the Priest's Power to forgive Sins, and their Doctrine of *Transubstantiation*.

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TWO BULLS

To the READER.

THese two Bulls or Briefs of Excommunication, Deprivation, &c. of two great and famous Princes, a King and a Queen of this Realm, may ſhew the Reader both what a vaſt and exorbitant Power the Pope challenges over Emperors, Kings, Nations and Peoples: and upon what grounds and pretenſions. Which having conſidered, the Reader may readily perceive how weak and ridiculous the Foundations are for the ſupport of ſo vaſt a Building. Who ſo ſimple that cannot ſee the folly of the Inference: Chriſt ſaith to Peter, Feed my Sheep: *therefore the Biſhop of* Rome *may deprive Kings of their Kingdoms, and beſtow them upon whom he pleaſes, and expoſe their Perſons and Eſtates, as wild beaſts, a prey to every one that can by force or fraud lay hold on them. Hence we may take occaſion to give hearty thanks to the Great and Merciful God, who has delivered theſe Nations from ſo great Slavery and Oppreſſion, which they had for ſo many Ages laboured under. Hence we may eſtimate the tendency of Romiſh Projects, and be awakened to a more ſerious and diligent oppoſition to them. Let us conſider with our ſelves what diligence and watchfulneſs our Fathers that felt the unſupportableneſs of the Yoke, did, and would now (if they were in our place) uſe, to deliver and preſerve themſelves from theſe fierce and inſatiable Wolves in Sheeps-cloathing. For whilſt this Man of* Rome *calls himſelf Servant of Servants, he claims and exerciſes (as much as in him lies) the Soveraignty of the World. He profeſſes to have the bowels of Chriſt, and at the ſame time thirſts after and drinks the blood of thoſe that cannot ſubmit themſelves to his Yoke without manifeſt caſting off the Yoke of Chriſt. Thus under pretence of Chriſtianity, he has ſubverted it, and made it more odious than Mahometiſm, or even Paganiſm. Hence it is that ſome Authors report, there are more Atheiſts in* Italy *than in any other Country, for the temptation is very ſtrong, to believe rather there is no God and no Religion, than that the Romiſh Religion is the only beſt.*

Let us hence learn to prize highly, and to give God thanks for the free uſe of the Holy Scriptures, whence we may learn the purity of Chriſts Religion, and with great eaſe and certainty ſatisfie our ſelves of the way to Eternal Happineſs. That God who ſo loved the World that he gave

his only begotten Son for the life of the World, hath undoubtedly made the Principles of that Religion whereby men must be saved, easie to be understood by the meaneſt capacity; and it cannot be, but that he who is heartily willing to do Chriſts Will, ſhall know his Doctrine, and needs not go to Rome *for an infallible Interpreter. But let us labour to walk worthy of the Holy Calling wherewith we are called, leſt we be given up to believe a Lye, becauſe we received not the Truth in the Love thereof. Let us follow Peace and Holineſs, without which no man ſhall ſee God, and we ſhall not need any other devices to reconcile our ſelves to his favour. Let us Sanctifie the Lord God in our Hearts, and we need not fear the Popes* Anathemaes.

I have one thing more to adviſe the Reader *of, which I find in Father* Paul's *Hiſtory of the Council of* Trent, p. 68. viz. "*That the Pope* "*hoping for good conditions in his Affairs, if the favour of* France "*and* England *were continued, by moleſting the Emperor in the King-*"*dom of* Naples, *ſent into* England *the Cardinal* Compeggio, *delegat-*"*ing the cauſe (of King* Henry *the 8th his Divorce) unto him and the* "*Cardinal of* York (Wolſey.) *Yea, ---- a Brief was framed, in which* "*he was declared free from that Marriage, with the moſt ample clauſes* "*that ever were put into any Popes Bull, and a Cardinal ſent into* Eng-"land *with Order to preſent it, &c. And thus happened in the year* 1524. "*But Pope* Clement *judging it fitter for compaſſing his Deſigns upon* "Florence, *to joyn himſelf with the Emperor, than to continue in the* "*friendſhip of* France *and* England, *in the year* 1529 *he ſent* Francis "Campana *unto* Campeggio, *with order to burn the Brief, and to pro-*"*ceed ſlowly in the Cauſe. By this we plainly ſee that the Pope is ruled by his Secular Advantages in the exerciſe of this Spiritual and unlimited Domination which he arrogates to himſelf. Let us admire the Wiſe and Gracious Providence of God toward* England, *that brought ſo much good to it out of theſe evil contrivances.*

By theſe enſuing BULLS may the Reader *behold as in a Glaſs, the ſwelling Pride of* Romes *Prelates; ſtiling the Pope their* moſt Holy Lord, *a Name only proper to the God and Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; and at the ſame time, while uſing ſo Chriſt-like a Stile, Depoſing and Curſing Lawful Princes, and Abſolving their natural Subjects from the due Obedience and Allegiance; to the encouraging and countenancing Murder and Rebellion by a promiſe of Abſolution, as by the ſaid Bulls here at large, expoſed to publick view, will appear to every Impartial* Reader.

Farewel.

The EXCOMMUNICATION, and other severe Punishments, denounced against King HENRY the 8th, and his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers or Abetters, found guilty with Him of denying the POPES SUPREMACY.

The which Sentence of Excommunication &c. was denounced against him by Pope *Paulus* the 3d.

PAUL *Bishop of* Rome, *Servant of Servants to the Eternal* GOD, *&c. To the perpetual Remembrance of all People, hath established and firmly ratified this following Decree.*

FOrasmuch as our most blessed Lord and Saviour did constitute and appoint *Peter* (who had denied him) to be the supreme Head of the Church; for this cause, that being conscious of his own lapse, he might thereupon more willingly Support, Strengthen and assist his collapsed Brethren. Upon which pious consideration the chief Bishop of *Rome* who succeeded *Peter* in the same Sacred Office, ought also to be touch't with the same sense of Commiseration, Tenderness and Mercy.

But when Mercy is offered to a Person, that thereupon grows more proudly peremptory, and wilfully averse and refractory to such a tender; therefore the Pope postponing all Conditions of lenity, ought to proceed against such an One with all justice and rigour, and cut off a putrified limb, that the whole Body Ecclesiastick may thenceforth stand more safe, healthful and sound after the detruncation of such an infectious and corrupted Member.

Wherefore we having received credible Information that *Henry*

Eight King of *England* (besides his adulterous Matrimony rashly and unrighteously Contracted against the Canons of the Church) hath ordained Laws, and certain Ecclesiastical Constitutions of his own head, by which he hath seduced divers to Schism and dangerous Sedition; and hath against Law, Right and Reason, taken off the head of that good Bishop and Cardinal *John C. Vitalis* and Bishop of *Rochester*, (a Person of worthy Fame and Piety) and hath also proceeded with the same bloody rigour against others, punishing some with Death, and others with Imprisonments. And since we are too sadly certified of these his impious and pernicious Practices by men of great Trust and Reputation; nevertheless out of a kind respect and regard we have ever had to the Majesty of that Prince, we did suspend our final sentence of Excommunication, and did determine still so to do, till alarm'd with the loud Clamours of his notorious Misdemeanours on every side, that we have been compelled to proceed against him. The tenour of which Process, and final Decree here followeth.

Paul the Third, Bishop of Rome and Servant of Servants to the Eternal GOD, &c. To all perpetuity let this Decree stand in full Force and Vertue.

That most omnipotent and immutable Deity above, who hath placed his Vicegerents and Substitutes below in this habitable World, and hath appointed them to preside over, and to do Justice to all Nations according to that saying of *Jeremiah* the Prophet, *Behold, I have appointed thee to bear Rule over all Nations and Kingdoms*; and given thee plenary power to eradicate and root up, also to erect, build, and replant wheresoever thou shalt please, and to exercise thy Authority over Princes of the Earth, and those that have Dominion therein, &c. And to proceed severely against impenitent and refractory Princes and such as have transgrest the Boundaries of Mercy. We therefore out of our Apostolick Care, and Principles, have ever been zealous to promote the Catholick Cause, and ever studious to obviate and oppose the growth of spreading Schisms and popular Errors to our utmost power. And since it hath likewise been declared unto us, that the same *Henry* the Eight some time since the Papacy of our Predecessor Pope *Leo* the Tenth, vigorously impugned the Schisms of that age, and writ a Pious, and Learned Book against that son of Perdition *Martin Luther*, a

did submit the same Book to the censure of our said Predecessor; the which was so highly approved by Him, that he thereupon wrote back to the said King *Henry* the Eight, and styled him *The Defender of the Faith.* Notwithstanding all this, He wickedly fell and Apostatized from the Catholick Faith, and regardless of his Honour and the health of his Soul, unworthily repudiated our dear Daughter in Christ, Queen *Catharine* a Princess of high blood and extraction, to whom he was lawfully married in the face of the whole Congregation, and with whom he lived many years in the state of Wedlock, and by whom he had several Children: Notwithstanding he hath put away the same Queen from him upon no just ground, and hath contracted Wedlock with one *Anne Bullayn* an English Woman, Queen *Catherine* being still alive.

And from this step of impiety he hath gradually proceeded to the perpetration of more enormous and heinous Exploits, and hath not in the least blusht at that Barbarous piece of Impiety in the publication of those execrable, seditious and detestable Articles, and conjur'd his Subjects to the strict observance thereof. One amongst the perfidious Pack of which is, *That the Bishop of Rome was not the Vicar of Christ, nor proper Head of the Church, but that himself in England was the Supreme Head thereof.* Drawn on and tempted by the Diabolical suggestions of that infernal Spirit, to the perpetration of these unheard-of Impieties, he goes on to punish with death, and inflict grievous penalties on such as should oppugn or gainsay his Usurped Jurisdiction. Witness his cruelty upon the Person of the above-named *John* Bishop of *Rochester* and Cardinal, to which last dignity in reverence to his great learning and sanctity of life, we justly promoted him, which perhaps the sooner animated the said King to the final decollation of this good Cardinal.

And although we were very sensible that *Henry* the Eight stood accursed in several Ecclesiastical Censures by our Predecessor of Pious Memory *Clement* the 7th, who after he had exhorted him in many kind Letters, and labour'd him with many persuasive Missives, to put away this *Anne Bullayn*, and reassume Queen *Catherine*; yet he grew still incorrigible and stiffnecked, like *Pharaoh*, hardning his stubborn heart so strangely, that he grew into a total contempt of the Papal Power: Nevertheless out of our paternal and fatherly Clemency we forbore to denounce the Final Sentence for a long while, till such time as we were more fully assured of the full Circumstances of those loud Clamours. And when we were fully convinced of the verity of his

obstinacy in refusing all Motions of Grace, and wilfully precipitating himself head long into the bottomless Abisse without the least hope of Recovery, or sign of Repentance. We therefore seriously considering that by the Law of *Moses*, Adulterers were to be stoned to death, and the Authors of enormous and seditious Schisms were to be cast into and swallowed up alive in the pit of destruction, and their Complices, Confederates and Abettors were to be burnt with fire. And also seriously recollecting how *Elimas* the Sorcerer gainsaying the Spirit of the Lord, was condemned and delivered up to Satan by the prayers of the Apostles; and in the close, knowing that one day a strict account will be required of us for the Impunity of that Apostate *Henry* the Eight, and his backsliding Heretical Subjects, forasmuch as Power is concredited to us from above to proceed against him and his seduced Subjects, whose Crimes are so Execrable, and openly visible as they cannot possibly admit of the least excuse or cover.

Wherefore upon long deliberation, and mature consideration with Our Selves and our whole Conclave of Cardinals, We do in the bowels of our blessed Lord and Saviour, once more admonish, advise and desire earnestly, that the said *Henry* the 8th, with his collapsed or wilfully withdrawn Subjects, either Sacred or Secular, Ecclesiastick or Civil, would again return to the imbracing Arms and fostering Bosom of the Church whence they are fallen: And that the said King would annihilate, cancel, supersede or revoke all those impious Laws, Decrees, or Constitutions which have gainsaid or impugned the Papal Authority, and that he would discharge, release and set at liberty (without any future Mulct or Imposition on either their Purses or Persons) such as in his Dominions stand stedfast in the Doctrine of the Catholick Faith, in which they were both born and baptized.

But if the said *Henry*, with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers or Abetters shall not give diligent heed to this our fatherly Admonition to all efficacious intents and purposes; Then We, with the well-grounded consultation of our Cardinals, do publish, declare, and denounce the said *Henry*, with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers or Abetters, to be more deeply Excommunicated by this Our Apostolick Power, and He and They to be totally deprived of all the Privileges, Prayers, and Protection of the Holy Church. So that if hereafter any of these Persons so peccant should grow sick, and lie languishing at the very point of Death, and if any of them upon

their cordial Repentance should desire Absolution, it may be, upon their said most hearty Contrition, granted to those expiring persons; always with this *Proviso*, That if they should chance to be restored to their former health, they do return to the Obedience in all Circumstances of the Holy Church: otherwise, for their default of not so doing, that then their said Absolution to be void and of none effect, and this Sentence of Excommunication to remain against them, and perpetually to stand in full force and virtue.

And further we denounce against him the said *Henry* the Eight, the Sentence of a redoubled Excommunication, and the Toleration of Rebellion by any of his Subjects, and the Deprivation of his Kingdoms and all the Territories thereto appertaining, unless he the said *Henry* do within ninety dayes after the date hereof appear before us either in Person, or by sufficient Proxy to compurge himself of those Crimes which shall be laid to his charge; But as for those his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, or Abetters, we Will and Command, That they compear before us within sixty dayes after the date hereof, either in their own Persons, or by sufficient Proxies, to compurge themselves of those criminal Allegations as shall be made out against them, and to shew just cause why this final Sentence should not be put into Execution in its full force and vigor.

But in case the said *Henry* with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, or Abetters, shall peremptorily refuse to appear either in Person or by Proxie, within three dayes after the time limited and predicted, and persist still (which Heaven forbid) perverse and wilfully obstinate, Then we shall treble this our Curse of Excommunication upon the Head of the said *Henry*, depriving him of all Regal Power and Dignity, and leaving him to the Contempt, Insolence, and Scorn of his insulting Subjects, and to be abandoned, derelict, and forsaken of God, and all good Men. And if in this accursed fate he should chance to die, then is he not to be accounted capable of Christian Burial, or the sacred Rites of the Church, and from the plenitude of our Papal Power we do interdict, proclaim, and pronounce any person of what degree soever accursed, that shall dare to inhume the said *Henry* according to the Rites and Ceremonies used at such Solemnities.

Moreover, We declare that whatsoever Palaces, Cities, Castles, Towns, Villages, Cathedrals, Churches or Chappels, shall be in the tenure, possession, disposal or donation of the said *Henry*, in case he do not return to the Obedience of the Church of *Rome*

within the term prædicted, that then those Palaces, Cities, Castles, Towns, Villages, Cathedrals, Churches or Chappels, to be vacant and alienated and totally transferr'd from his propriety, possession, or disposition: And all Monasteries, Priories, Convents, Cells, Cloisters, and Religious Houses within his Realms and Dominions to be forthwith shut up, and no Mass to be said or sung, or Divine Service to be celebrated therein.

And in that case the Children of the said *Henry*, and of his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, and Abetters are rendered totally incapable of any Church-priviledges, and to be deprived of the profit, benefit, and income thence issuing and arising, in case they be held from the Church or those Religious Houses either by Lease, or any other Tenure either Secular or Sacred. Neither shall they be permitted to sell, give away or dispose of them to any benefit, emolument, or advantage upon what colour or pretext soever.

Moreover, We do deprive all Ecclesiastical persons that stand in the same Predicament, of all Dignities or Preferments, in either Cathedral Churches, Parish Churches, Monasteries, Priories of any Religious House of what quality or nature soever. And we do likewise absolve and discharge from all duty and obedience to the said *Henry*, all Judges, Magistrates, Captains of Castles or Forts, either Maritime or Inland, together with all Burgesses, with the Heads and Governors of the Universities, Colledges and Halls, with all Feudories, Subjects, Servants, Citizens and Inhabitants in all Towns and Villages within his Dominions.

And we also charge them upon pain of Excommunication that they do no Homage, nor yield Obedience either to him, or to his Ministers, Officers or Judges authorized, or by him deputed for the publick Administration of Justice, or any sub-commissioners under them in the Government and Rule of his Kingdom.

Further, We do Will and Command, that the said *Henry*, together with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, and Abetters, be looke upon and accounted as persons so odiously infamous, that their Oaths, Testimonies, or Depositions be reputed totally invalid and of no effect: And that their very Wills, Testaments, Donatives, or Legacies be not good in Law, nor to Registred or Recorded by any publick Notary, Scribe, Proctor, or Official belonging to the Spiritual Court; nor any of the above-named Offenders to argue, plead, defend, claim, or justifie any Suit, Cause or Action appertaining to the Person so delinquent and lawfully convicted.

And we do further Will and Command all good Christians within the pale of the Church, under pain of Excommunication and other supradicted penalties, that they abhor, and fly from the Society of these Reprobates, accursed and condemned Caitiffs, and not to enter into their Cities, Towns, Corporations, or Castles, and neither to eat nor drink with them, either Bread, Meat, Roots, or whatsoever is eatable, or Wine, Beer, or whatsoever is potable. Neither with them either to buy, sell, bargain, barter, or chaffer, in any kind saleable or vendible Commodity: though the Commodity so bought or sold may highly redound to their emolument and advantage. Neither are they to be assistant to the aforesaid Criminals either in Purse or Person, either Head, Tongue, Hand, or Foot, either publickly or privately, directly or indirectly upon what colour, ground, or pretence soever. The which if they shall presume to do, then the Goods so bought and sold shall be forfeited and confiscated to the informer and discoverer of the Parties so Peccant.

And because its neither congruous nor convenient, that those persons which contemn the Authority of the Holy Church should have Conversation and Communion with the Clergy: We do therefore admonish, advise, will and command, That all Religious Persons of what degree or Order soever, whether they be Metropolitans, Abbots, Priors, or Rulers of Churches or Parochial Congregations; or whether they be Fryars *Augustan*, *Clunensian*, *Cestrensian*, *Minorites*, *Carmelites*, or of what Order soever; We advise, will and command them to depart out of this *Accursed Realm*, and recede from their Functions, Priorships, Prebendships, Parsonages, Vicarages and Curacies, only leaving behind them a competently convenient number of such Presbyters as may administer the Sacrament of Baptism to young Infants, and Absolution to those who die penitently in the Faith of the holy Church, and desire the Administration of the Sacraments. As for the above-named Members of the Church, Monasteries, Priories, Cells, or Cloisters, we command and conjure them that they depart out of that *Accursed Realm*, and therein never to return till the forementioned Excommunicated, Accursed and Damned Reprobates from the tacit guilt and horror of their wounded Consciences, return to the Bosom of the holy Church, and humbly submit themselves to that papal Power, whose Clemency and kind offers they have so refractorily disobeyed and wilfully contemned.

And for the more easie and speedy reducing the said *Henry*, with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, and Abetters, we do (with all respect and reverence to their Dignities) desire and intreat all other Christian Princes within the pale and communion of the holy Church, as well Emperors as Kings, that are in League or Confederation or Amity, or hold any correspondency with that perfidious Prince *Henry* the Eight, an enemy to God, and all good Men. We do by our Papal Prerogative, and the plenitude of our Power allow, tolerate and permit them to break all Bonds, Covenants, Confederations, or Ties between them, and the said *Henry* and his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, or Abettors; And we do freely absolve, dismiss, and discharge them from all former Ties, Tenures, Bonds, Leagues, Covenants or Obligations of what nature soever made, contracted or ratified between them. And for their more cheerful encouragement in dissolving, cancelling, and annulling all National Sanctions, or Pactions with the said perfidious *Prince*, We with all our Power do promise to assist and stand by them to the uttermost, and not only countenance but highly to commend their so doings. But in case of their contempt of this our advice and counsel, they shall still adhere to that perfidious *Prince*, and observe all Articles and Conditions made with him before his Apostacy from the Papal Power. We shall after another fair Warning given, and no hopes of their reclaiming, condemn their Cities, Countries, Towns, Castles, and Territories belonging to them, in the same Ecclesiastical Censure. It being our will and pleasure that this Interdiction shall stand ratified, and remain in full force and virtue as long as he the said *Henry*, together with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, and Abetters shall contumaciously persevere in the same state of disobedience.

Moreover we Advise, Will, and Command, That all *Princes*, and all Christian Souldiers, Governors of Forts, Towns, or Castles, that are in Armies either by Land or Sea, and within the pale of the holy Church, violently to invade, set upon, and assail either by force, stratagem, or fraud, the Person, Realms, or Dominions of the said *Henry*, together with the Persons, Houses, Goods, or Chattels of his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, or Abetters, and *Vi & Armis* to reduce them to the Obedience of the Mother-Church, and compel them to submit themselves to the Papal Authority. And in case of their refusal so to do, to cause other good Christians to raise up Arms against them, and cause the Confiscation of their Goods, Marchandize, Monies, Shipping, Goods and Chattels. And this we

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do command all (People) inhabiting the said Kings Dominions, and whosoever shall at any time detect them Delinquents for default of not fully complying with our will and pleasure, that then any person that so detects the Goods and Chattels of such person offending, that then the said Goods shall fall into the power of the Detector. Or if they shall sell, lend, give or convey any Victuals, Arms, Monies, Help, Aid, or Counsel to him the said *Henry*, or his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, or Abetters, that then the same Sentence be extended to them as Accessories, as well as to the others as Principals.

And to the end that the Premises may be generally and universally known, and consequently punctually be kept and observed, We do here publickly command all *Patriarchs*, *Arch-Bishops*, *Bishops*, and all *Prelats* Metropolitan and Patriarchal or Diocesan, together with all *Abbots*, *Priors*, *Monks* or *Priests*, that they do make known this our Sentence of Excommunication and Deprivation of the said *Henry*, with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers or Abetters, within three dayes of the terms predicted and published, upon their great Festivals and publick Solemnities (when and where there is the greatest appearance and concourse of people) by the elevation of the Cross, ringing of Bells, lighting of Tapers, and presently by extinguishing and trampling them under foot, and other such-like Ceremonies used against persons excommunicated.

And that the knowledg of this Sentence may be universal; and several persons, such as are Souldiers, Governours of Forts, and Castles, and Merchants in forreign Countries cannot be personally present at the publication of this Sentence; We will and Command that true Copies hereof be transcribed and fixed in publick places, and fastned in the front of the Church-doors, and by this means to be reputed of the self-same effect and power as if they were read in the ears, or subjected to the eyes of the said *Henry* the 8th, his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers and Abetters, and the same Copies to be corroborated and made authentick by the Signatures and Seals of Persons in great Authority, Place and Power, and by virtue thereof to oblige all persons concerned to a strict and punctual observation thereof.

Let no mortal man therefore for the future, despise, resist, or contradict this Sentence of Excommunication against the said *Henry*, his Counsellors, Fautorers, or Abetters: The which if they shall dare

to attempt, let Him and them certainly be assured of incurring the Judgment and fearful Indignation of the Most High and Most Omnipotent GOD, and of the blessed Apostles *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*.

Given at *Rome*, at *St. Martes* in the year from the Incarnation of our blessed Lord and Saviour, 1535. the third of *September*, and in the first year of Our *Papacy*.

And whilst in the end We fully resolved to come to the full Execution of this Our Sentence; Being perswaded by the Mediation of some Princes to stay a while and suspend this Sentence of Execution, We did so accordingly forbear for almost three years; being of that nature common to most men, inclined most readily to believe what we did most earnestly desire, hoping that the said *Henry* would at last humble himself, and heartily repent his Misdemeanors. And forasmuch as We have for almost three years expected the fruits of his amendment, but finding that his temerity, rage, and misgovern'd inadvertency had thrust and precipitated him to the perpetration of more inhumane and unheard-of Villanies. For being not satisfied with the Blood of several living Prelats and worthy Men, He hath insulted over the Dead, and such as former Ages have for their Sanctity canoniz'd: witness his Immanities against the Sepulcher and Shrine of *Thomas* late Archbishop of *Canterbury*, whose bones (by which were many Miracles wrought in *England*) he disturbed, and caused the Reliques of his dead Body to be taken up, and (to the greater aggravation of his barbarous Impiety) caused him to be condemned for a Son of Rebellion, and his said Bones to be burned, and the Ashes thereof to be thrown into the Air; in this inhumane act transcending the Cruelty of all Nations, which use alwayes to have some pity and respect to the Carcasses of the Dead, though never so much their enemies when living. And to this his prodigious Impiety, he sacrilegiously arrogated all those Donatives, Gifts and Presents offered at the Shrine of the said *Thomas* by the greatest Christian Kings and Princes of the World.

And believing he had not yet sinn'd sufficiently, and offered enough affronts to Christianity, he offered Violence to the Monastery of St. *Augustines*, the first Font of the *English Christians*, and dispoiled it and other Religious Places, of all the Wealth and Treasure which so many years had been inviolably conserved.

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Since therefore this Ulcerated Sore is not possible to be cured by any Chirurgeon, without a fearful rescission; We therefore, since all wayes imaginable for the reclaiming of the said *Henry* have been still ineffectual, and by his longer impunity much mischief may accrue to the Holy Church; and since therefore we are sufficiently satisfied that the publication formerly of our Resolution as to this Sentence of Excommunication, was openly seen, and exhibited in the great Cities of *Italy*, *France*, *Spain*, and the *Netherlands*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*; and we are well assured that the notice thereof long since came to the ears of the said *Henry*: It is therefore our Will and Command, and by the plenitude of our Papal Power, We do will and Command that the publication of our Letters above recited be made, the which Copies concordant with the Original are to be of as full effect, force, and power as the first Original issuing from our selves, and to be communicated to the said *Henry* the 8th, with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers or Abetters. And we Will and Command by the plenitude of our Papal Power, that all Respect, Reverence, and Obedience be given to the Authority of them by all good Christians inhabiting the Realms and Dominions of the said *Henry*; since there is nothing herein contained which doth impugn the credit and reputation of the Holy Church, every Member whereof is to give all Obedience thereto.

We therefore conjure and charge all persons of what degree soever religiously to revere and observe this our Definitive Sentence in the Premises denounced against the said *Henry*, with his Complices, Counsellors, Fautorers, or Abetters: And we charge, will and command, that no person, or persons whatsoever dare, or presume to violate, oppose, extenuate, or impugn the validity of this our final Decree, as they shall avoid the wrathful Indignation of the most high and mighty God, and the anger of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul* those two blessed Apostles.

Dated at *Rome*, from our Palace of St. *Peter* there, in the year of our Lords Incarnation 1538, the 16*th* day of *January*, and in the fifth year of our Papacy.

BLOISIUS.

Visa B. Saulii.

B. MOTTA.

The Sentence declaratory of our holy Lord Pope *Pius* the fifth, against *Elizabeth* the pretended Queen of *England*; and the Hereticks adhering to her: wherein also all her Subjects are declared Absolved from the Oath of Allegiance, and whatever else due unto her; and those who hereafter obey Her, are hereby Anathematized.

PIUS Bishop, Servant of the Servants of God, for a future Memorial of the Matter. He who reigns in the Highest, to whom is given all Power in Heaven and in Earth, hath committed one Holy Catholick and Apostolick Church [out of which there is no Salvation] to One alone upon Earth, namely to *Peter*, the chief of the Apostles; and to *Peter*'s successor, the Bishop of *Rome*, to be governed in fulness of Power. Him alone he made Prince over all People, and all Kingdoms, with power to pluck up, destroy, scatter, consume, plant, and to build, that he may cherish the Faithful, working together with the Bond of Charity in the Unity of the Spirit, and present them safe and blameless to their Saviour. In discharge of which Function, we who are by the Goodness of God called to the Government of the aforesaid Church, do spare no pains, labouring with all earnestness that Unity and Catholick Religion (which the Author thereof hath for the tryal of his Childrens Faith, and for our Amendment, suffered to be punished with so great Afflictions) might be preserved whole and uncorrupt: But the number of the Ungodly hath gotten such Power, that there is no place left in the whole World which they have not endeavoured to corrupt with their most wicked Doctrines. Amongst others ELIZABETH the pretended Queen of *England*, and the Servant of Wickedness,

Pernicious have found a Refuge: This very Woman having seized on the Kingdom, and monstrously usurping the place of Supream Head of the Church of all *England*, and the chief Authority & Jurisdiction thereof; hath again brought back the said Kingdom into a miserable destruction, which was but even then newly reduced to the Catholick Faith and an hopeful Condition. For having by a strong hand forbid the Exercise of the true Religion, which *Mary* a lawful Queen of famous memory had, by the Assistance of this See, restored, after it had been overthrown by *Henry* the Eight a Revolter from the Truth; She, following and embracing the errors of Heretick, hath removed the Royal Council consisting of the Nobility of *England*, and filled it with obscure Heretical Fellows; hath suppresst the embracers of the Catholick Faith; forced dishonest Preachers and wicked Ministers; abolished the Sacrifice of the Mass, Prayers, Fastings, Choice of Meats, Unmarried Life, and the Catholick Ceremonies; commanded all the Kingdom over Books manifestly heretical to be read, and Impious Mysteries and Institutions according to the Rules of *Calvin*, which she her self entertains and receives, to be likewise observed by her Subjects; She hath presumed to throw Bishops, Parsons and other Catholick Priests out of their Churches and Benefices and to bestow them and other Church Livings upon Heretick, and to determine of Ecclesiastical Matters; to forbid the Bishops, Clergie, and People, to acknowledg the Church of *Rome*, or to obey the Precepts or Canonical Sanctions thereof; hath compelled most of them to obey her wicked Laws, and to abjure the Authority and Obedience of the Bishop of *Rome*, and by Oath to acknowledg her to be sole Governess as well in Spiritual as Temporal Affairs; hath imposed Penalties and Punishments upon those that obeyed not the same; hath exacted them of those who persevered in the Unity of the Faith, and their foresaid Obedience; and hath cast the Catholick Prelates and Parsons into Prisons, where many of them being spent with long languishing and sorrow, miserably ended their lives.

All which things seeing they are manifest and notorious to all men, and by the clearest Testimony of very many so sufficiently proved, that there is no place at all left either for excuse, defence, or evasion. We seeing that Impieties and wicked Actions are multiplied one upon another, and moreover that the persecution of the Faithfull, and Affliction for Religion groweth every day heavier and heavier through the instigation and means of the said *Elizabeth*, We

therefore understanding her mind to be so hardened, and obdurate, that she hath not only contemned the Godly Requests & Admonitions of Catholick Princes concerning her Amendment and Conversion, But also hath not so much as permitted the *Nuncius* of this See to pass into *England*; Are necessitated to betake our selves to the Weapons of Justice against her, not being able to mitigate our sorrow, that we are drawn to take punishment of one to whose Ancestors all Christendom hath been so much beholden.

Being therefore supported by his Authority who hath placed us, though unable for so great a burden, in the Supream Throne of Justice, We do out of the fulness our Apostolical Power declare the aforesaid heretical *Elizabeth*, being the favourer of Hereticks, with all her Adherents in the matters abovesaid, to have incurr'd the Sentence of *Anathema*, and to be cut off from the Unity of Christ's Body.

And We also declare her to be deprived of her pretended Title to the Kingdom aforesaid, and of all Dominion, Dignity, and Priviledge whatsoever.

And also declare the Nobility, Subjects, and People of that Kingdom, and all others that have in any sort sworn unto her, to be for ever absolved from any such Oath, and from all manner of Duty, or of Dominion, Allegiance and Obedience to her. As We also do by the Authority of these presents absolve them, and deprive the same *Elizabeth* of her pretended Title to the Kingdom, and all other things abovesaid.

And We Command and Forbid all and every of the Noblemen, Subjects, People and others aforesaid, that they presume not to obey Her, or her Monitions, Mandates or Laws, and those who shall do otherwise than here commanded, We do involve them in the same Sentence of *Anathema*.

And because it would be a matter of too much difficulty to convey these Presents to all places whereso'ever it should be needful, Our Will is, that the Copies thereof under a publick Notaries hand, and sealed with the Seal of an Ecclesiastical Prelate, or of his Coat, shall carry altogether the same credit with all people judiciously and extrajudiciously, as the Originals should do if they were exhibited or shewed.

Dated at *Rome* at St. *Peters*, in the year of Christ 1569. *Feb.* 24. in the 5th year of our Popedom.

Ca. Glorierius.
Fl. Cumyn.